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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I chose Sonic.net, a competitive internet service provider, because of the excellent recommendation of a colleague. By providing competition, I get better service, more privacy and security and better customer service at a competitive price. My neighborhood does not have access to fiber-based internet and I expect that if this effort leads to a DSL monopoly, I will never have access to competitively priced fiber-based service.

Please support the Bridge2Broadband initiative so that consumers like me, and there are many of us, can continue to receive competitively priced internet service, essential to my home and business use. My largest client also uses Sonic, so alternate ISP's are providing essential internet service to both residential and business consumers.

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